

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
WORK SESSION
May 12, 2015

Councilman Manning – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Absent
Councilman Boyer – Absent
Councilman Wood – Present
Councilman Wiles – Absent
Councilwoman Mull – Present
Councilman Duckwall – Present

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order.

Jane Lilley, Auditor, went over fund balances, income and expenditures with the Council. The current balance of County General is (441,403.49) and settlement will not happen until the end of June. Auditor Lilley shared a report of expenditures and income for the first 4 months of 2015 and all of 2014, which showed that the income coming in is far less than expenditures going out.

The group also reviewed the Riverboat and Rainy Day funds and discussed how they work, as well as the C.E.D.I.T. Fund, which can be used for any expenditure, not just economic development.

The Auditor urged the Council to review the reports, before budget time, and look for ways to move some of the big expenditures to where the money is coming in and spread the rest out to help balance the funds and prevent a \$500,000 deficit.

Councilman Wood asked about the process of paying claims/moving money and how settlement plays into funding the insurance budget. Chief Deputy Auditor Mary Brown explained the process of paying claims from the insurance fund and how we are not able to move money from County General until settlement happens. Moving money prior to settlement would result in a much larger deficit in County General.

Auditor Jane Lilley reviewed the abstract and budget process with the Council. Auditor Lilley also reviewed the 2014/2015 payroll comparison as a result from the cuts that were made for the 2015 budget year.

Auditor Jane Lilley discussed that the elected officials on the 2nd floor have been meeting and would like to have a work session with the Board of Commissioners and the Council prior to budget hearings. The elected officials on the 2nd floor feel that it is important to the review and discuss the budgets of the business offices as they have had cuts and are concerned about any potential cuts for 2016.

Auditor Lilley would like the Council to also review the budgets to see where money can be moved. Mrs. Lilley suggested that the Council look at the Board of Commissioners budgets to see if it could be moved to the COIT fund.

Highway Bookkeeper Janice Hughes discussed with the Council Highway funding, staffing, and wages.

Commissioner Francis discussed with the Council that the Board of Commissioners have voted to support a recommendation of reinstating one of the part-time Clerk's positions to full-time. Councilwoman Harp stated that the 2nd and 3rd floor employees are working together and their hard work and efforts need to be recognized.

Councilman Manning feels that the Courthouse Floats need to have a direct supervisor and it would be helpful if it was someone who was on site every day. Commissioner Francis stated that there would probably be changes coming on whom they report to.

Commissioner Francis also stated that the Board of Commissioners are handling the following issues:

- Addressed the Recorder on closing her office
- Warranty issues on leaking roofs
- Additional 9-1-1 funding from the City of Peru
- Working on issues in the Plan Commission and VA Office
- Updating of the county website (Councilman Manning noted that he feels like CEDIT dollars could pay for the update)
- Proposed shell building (Councilman Manning noted that he feels that TIF should pick up the cost if not sold, not CEDIT)

Auditor Lilley asked that a work session for the 2nd floor elected officials be scheduled for 5:30 pm on June 16, 2015 prior to the regular Council meeting at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor
